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NEWS FROM THE SEMINARY

PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS

News from the Seminary

During his sabbatical year, *PROFESSOR SHIRLEY GUTHRIE* is at Goettingen studying and writing. — *PROFESSOR HUBERT VANCE TAYLOR* has been awarded the Ph.D. degree in the field of speech by Northwestern University. His dissertation was entitled "Slavery and the Deliberations of the Presbyterian General Assembly, 1833-1838." — The *COLUMBIA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE* goal of $30,000 for a new organ and the remodeling of married student quarters in Simons-Law Dormitory has been exceeded. Their goal for the new year beginning this October is $25,000 for the remodeling of the single student rooms in Simons-Law. — *DR. RONNALD S. WALLACE,* a visiting professor in 1963 has returned from Edinburgh to the seminary as Professor of New Testament Theology. — *THE REVEREND O. H. LYON*, class of 1961, has come from the pastorate in Montgomery, W. Va. to assume the duties of Dean of Students and Director of Field Work. Another member of the class of 1961, *THE REVEREND STEVE A. BACON* has assumed the office of Assistant to the President and will have responsibility for student enlistment, alumni activities and public relations. — At opening exercises in the Columbia Church 94 *NEW STUDENTS* (65 in the B.D. program, others in Th.M., M.C.E., and missionary programs) were welcomed into the student body which will number approximately 235 this year. The speaker for the opening worship services was *DR. W. T. THOMPSON*, Professor Emeritus of Union Seminary in Richmond. — Trips to Rome, Dalton, and Gainesville, Georgia and Anniston, Alabama, are scheduled for the *SEMINARY CHOIR* this year. Invitations to other churches will be welcomed. Several series of special chapel services will also keep these singers busy on the campus.

— Guests as well as passers-by can more readily identify the seminary now due to the erection of an illuminated sign on the lawn in front of Campbell Hall. The sign was a *GIFT OF THE CLASS OF 1964*. — In cooperation with the Candler School of Theology and the Interdenominational Theological Center, Columbia has entered into an agreement with the Protestant Radio and Television Center enabling them to purchase new equipment for an

expanded training program for seminarians. A greater number and variety of telecasting courses are being planned by *PROFESSORS WADE HUIE AND HUBERT TAYLOR.* — Among the delegates to the meeting of the General Council of World Alliance of Reformed Churches in Frankfort, Germany this summer were *PROFESSOR CHARLES COUSAR AND MR. FRANK WEATHERSBY,* a member of this year's senior class. — Participants in a series of chapel services entitled *"THE PASTOR AS PREACHER"* will be Dr. Harry Fifield (First Presbyterian), Dr. Cecil Myers (Grace Methodist), Dr. William Littleton (Holy Trinity Episcopalian), Dr. Roy McLain (First Baptist), Dr. Fred R. Stair (Central Presbyterian) and Dr. Robert E. Lee (Lutheran Church of the Redeemer). Each man will speak within the context of his own tradition of worship and following the service will participate in a forum discussion with the students. — *DEAN C. BEN KLINE* of Agnes Scott College will be teaching Middler Theology this year so that *DR. FELIX GEAR* may be free to travel as Moderator of the General Assembly.

Progress and Prospects

This school of the prophets has an honorable history of almost 140 years, beginning in the Presbyterian manse at Lexington, Georgia, on December 15, 1828, continuing in Columbia, S. C., from 1830 to 1927 and occupying this campus, nearer the center of its territory, now for thirty-odd years. For most of that long period, Columbia Seminary was a relatively small institution, but one which contributed to the life and leadership of our church out of all proportion to her size or physical assets. The period of great expansion here has been during the administration of President Richards, and most of it has taken place in the two decades since the close of the last world war.

In this period, from 1945 through 1963, regular student enrollment has increased from 63 to 262, the faculty from 6 to 23 plus visiting professors, value of land and buildings has gone from one-half million dollars to three and one-half million dollars, endowment has been quadrupled and the annual operating budget has

gone from fifty-four thousand dollars to five hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars.

Why this amazing growth, in less than two decades? I have called it progress and that is correct; but it has been also a matter of simple necessity, if the seminary was to fulfill her purpose of providing the number of ministers needed by this growing area of the General Assembly and by our missions over seas. Since 1945 our five supporting synods have experienced a net growth in membership as follows: Mississippi 40%, South Carolina 51%, Alabama 68%, Georgia 77% and Florida 178%. The net membership growth since 1945 for this total five state area has been an amazing 114%, while its number of candidates for the ministry has gone from 137 to 321, an increase of 135%. This indicates that for the past 20 years both our church membership and the number of candidates for the ministry in these five states has consistently grown at a faster rate than the population, about which we hear so much.

What are the prospects for the future? With a good group of students, an excellent faculty, a fairly adequate plant, a loyal constituency and a President highly regarded throughout the world of theological education, the prospects seem bright, indeed, to me. But, the years just ahead promise to make still greater demands upon this seminary. Since 1945 the combined membership of our 5 supporting synods has gone from 140,000 to 300,000. Two decades hence that number probably will be over a half a million. This means a steadily increasing demand for ministers and other trained workers which the seminary must supply. If we are to meet the challenge of this opportunity, there remains yet much work for all of us to do. Therefore, I beseech you to pray for this so essential institution, undergird it with your Christian love, commend it to others, support it generously through your annual gifts, and, if possible, remember it in your wills. And may all that we do here be humbly done to the glory of God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

(Excerpts from an address by Dr. P. D. Miller at the 8th Annual Pilgrimage of Columbia Friendship Circle on April 16, 1964 at Columbia Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Georgia.

Introducing . . .

The Smyth Lecturer, *PROFESSOR JAMES BARR,* came to Princeton Seminary's William Henry Green Chair of Old Testament Literature in 1961. He graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 1948, his studies having been interrupted by wartime service as a bomber pilot with the Royal Navy, and received his B.D. there in 1951. Long interested in the problems of Jewish - Christian relations, he went to Israel to be the minister of the parish at Tiberias in Galilee. Later he served for two years as Professor of New Testament at the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Canada, and for six years as Professor of Old Testament at Edinburgh.

The Alumni Lecturer, *PROFESSOR L. J. TRINTERUND,* is professor of Historical Theology at San Francisco Seminary. For ten years he was in business in his native North Dakota and in Washington. His education includes study at the University of Washington, Princeton Seminary and the University of Lund, Sweden. He has served as Professor of Church History at McCormick Seminary and as Religion Book Editor for Westminster Press. Professor Trinterund has written *The Forming of An American Tradition* and is a contributor to *Theology Today* and *Church History.*

The Guest Preacher, *THE REVEREND MASSEY MOTT HELTZEL,* has served since 1960 as pastor of the Government Street Presbyterian Church of Mobile, Alabama. A native of Bridgewater, Virginia, he studied at Bridgewater College and Union Seminary in Richmond. Among his pastorates have been those in the Reid Memorial Church, where President Eisenhower worshipped during visits to Augusta, Georgia, and the Ginter Park Church near the campus of Union Seminary in Richmond.

Ministers' Week

October 26-30, 1964

THE SMYTH LECTURES

7:30 P.M. Monday-Friday

"Literary Form and Theological Content in the Bible"

THE REV. JAMES BARR,
M.A., B.D.
Princeton Theological Seminary
Princeton, New Jersey

THE ALUMNI LECTURES

9:30 A.M. Tuesday-Friday

"They Looked For A City: American Preaching in Our Century"

THE REV. L. J. TRINTERUND,
Th.M., Lic.Theol.
San Francisco Theological Seminary
San Anselmo, California

THE WORSHIP SERVICES

11:00 A.M. Monday-Friday

"The Evangel 'Round the Heart"

THE REV MASSEY MOTT HELTZEL,
D.D.
Government Street Presbyterian Church
Mobile, Alabama

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 27th— 12:45 P.M.